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Selectmen's Minutes 10-05-2009

TOWN OF ARLINGTON BOARD OF SELECTMEN

Meeting Minutes
 Monday, October 5, 2009

7:15 p.m.

Present: Mr. Greeley, Chair, Mrs. Mahon, Vice Chair, Mr. Hurd, Ms. LaCourt, and Ms. Rowe.
 Also present: Mr. Sullivan, Ms. Rice, and Mrs. Sullivan.

Proclamation: October as Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Arlington Police

Arlington Health and Human Services

Mr. Greeley read the proclamation in support of domestic violence awareness month.

Mr. Hurd moved approval.

SO VOTED (5-0)

For Approval: Peg Spengler Plaque

Donald Marquis

Mr. Hurd moved that Mr. Sullivan, Mr. Marquis, and Mr. Duffy would decide the location.

SO VOTED (5-0)

FOR APPROVAL

1. CONSENT AGENDA (one vote required for approval of all items)
 - a. Minutes of Meetings: August 10, 2009, September 14, 2009, September 21, 2009
 - b. REAPPOINTMENTS
 - Reappointment: Historic District Commissions
 - Stephen Makowka
 - (term to expire 8/12)
 - Beth Cohen
 - Alex Frisch
 - Michael Logan
 - John L. Worden III
 - (terms to expire 10/12)
 - Reappointment: Council on Aging
 - Karen Nichols
 - (term to expire 10/23/2012)
 - Reappointment: Historical Commission
 - Pamela Meister
 - (term to expire 9/10/2012)
 - Reappointment: Redevelopment Board
 - Bruce Fitzsimmons
 - (term to expire 9/14/2012)

Reappointment: Parks & Recreation Commission

Nancy Campbell

(term to expire 10/27/2012)

- c. Request: Three One Day Beer & Wine Licenses; 10/23/09, 10/24/09, 10/25/09

Stella Kazantzias, St. Athanasius the Great, Philoptochos Ladies Society

- d. For Approval: Peirce School 3K Road Race, 10/17/09, 8:00 am-11:00am

James Smith, Community Outreach Officer

Carlene Hampel

Mrs. Mahon moved approval with changes to the 9/15 and 9/21 drafts. SO VOTED (5-0)

2. Approval: 2010 Health Insurance Rates

Brian F. Sullivan, Town Manager

Mr. Sullivan explained the recommended rates for the 2010 self-funded health insurance program:

- HMO Blue will see an increase of 9.5% for individual plans and 9.4% for family plans.
- The Harvard Pilgrim Health rate, which is premium, is increasing by 4.1%.
- The Medex plan, which provides for the majority of our Medicare eligible retirees, is only increasing by \$.30 or .01% due to an increase in the administrative charges.

There was discussion on joining the GIC and Mr. Sullivan is continuing to work with the Union members in jointly addressing this important issue. The deadline for joining the GIC is December 1, 2009 to be effective July 1, 2010.

Ms. LaCourt moved approval of the 2010 Health Insurance Rate Recommendation

as amended with a mid-year review.

SO VOTED (5-0)

APPOINTMENTS

3. Appointments: Council on Aging

Maureen Mahoney

Annette Bender

(terms to expire 6/30/2012)

Ms. Bender declined appointment due to moving out of Town.

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

4. Appointments: Zoning Board of Appeals

Kevin F. Greeley, Chair

Mr. Hurd moved to appoint Joe Tulimieri and thanked him for his many years of service.

Term to expire 10/1/2015

SO VOTED (3-2)

Mrs. Mahon and Ms. Rowe voted in the negative.

Ms. Rowe moved to appoint Suzanne Rivitz.

SO VOTED (4-1)

Term to expire 10/1/2014

Mr. Greeley voted in the negative.

Mr. Hurd moved to appoint Eugene Lucarelli.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Term to expire 10/1/2013

Ms. Rowe moved to appoint Pamela Heidell as an associate member. SO VOTED (5-0)

Term to expire 10/1/2013

Mr. Hurd moved to appoint Curt Morgan as an associate member. SO VOTED (5-0)

Term to expire 10/1/2014

Ms. Rowe stated that Town Counsel will initiate bylaw changes at the next Town Meeting to increase the Board from three to five members and that the associate members could move up to regular members.

7:30 p.m. Public Hearing

5. Request: Wine & Malt Beverages Only License Transfer

La Buona Vita Inc. d/b/a La Buona Vita Restaurant, 450 Mass. Ave., to Lartino, LLC d/b/a Buona Vita Restaurant, Francesco Martini and Guiseppe Guarino, LLC Members

Mrs. Mahon asked that the hours be adjusted to 11:00 PM closing. Attorney Grannan will be going forward to the Building Department and the ZBA to increase seating to 44.
 Mr. Hurd moved approval subject to conditions set forth. SO VOTED (5-0)

LICENSES & PERMITS

6. **Request: Temporary Waiver Parking Restrictions on Tufts and Foster Streets**

Deanne Benson, Lesley Ellis School

Mrs. Mahon moved approval. SO VOTED (5-0)

7. **CITIZENS OPEN FORUM**

There were no matters presented for consideration of the Board.

TRAFFIC RULES & ORDERS/OTHER BUSINESS

8. **Approval: Recommended Decision on Petition for Removal of Dog, Nikko, Owned by Chris Gagliardi**

Juliana Rice, Town Counsel

Ms. LaCourt moved to accept the *Recommended Decision* by the Police Department to vote to order removal of the canine, Nikko, from the Town by reason of his vicious disposition. SO VOTED (4-0-1)

Ms. Rowe abstained.

A letter will be sent with this removal decision and requirements for the remainder of his time in Town.

9. **Discussion: Transportation Advisory Committee**

Edward Starr, Chair

a) **Downing Square**

Elisabeth Carr-Jones

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of all recommendations and referred them to the Town Manager for budgeting purposes; the first recommendation to modify signal timing is to be implemented immediately. SO

VOTED (5-0)

Mr. Sullivan will research if any of the recommendations are eligible for CDBG funds or Chapter 90 funds.

b) **Appleton Place**

Michael Rademacher, Town Engineer

Mr. Hurd moved approval of all recommendations and additionally to reinstating, once verified, the "No Parking Here to Corner" sign at the corner of Appleton and Mass. Ave.

SO VOTED (5-0)

Mrs. Mahon moved approval of

10. **WARRANT ARTICLE HEARINGS**

Article 2 Acceptance of Legislation/Local Meals Excise

Mr. Hurd moved favorable action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 3 Acceptance of Legislation/Local Room Occupancy Excise

Mrs. Mahon moved favorable action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 4 Home Rule Legislation/Amend Existing Licenses for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages Not to be Drunk on the Premises

Ms. Rowe moved favorable action. SO VOTED (5-0)

Article 5 Home Rule Legislation/Additional Licenses for the Sale of Alcoholic Beverages Not to be Drink on the Premises

Ms. Rowe moved favorable action. SO VOTED (3-2)

Mr. Hurd and Mrs. Mahon voted in the negative.

Article 6 Amend Advisory Committee/Reorganization of Town Government
 Ms. Rowe moved favorable action. SO VOTED (5-0)
 Ms. LaCourt is the interim chair of this advisory committee.

Correspondence Received

Carol W. Phillips Opposed to Elimination of Overnight Parking Ban Be Rec'd
 74 Mary Street

R. S. Nikhil Verizon 'Catch 22' Installation Be Rec'd
 51 Upland Road West

Jennifer McGurl Include Daniel McGurl in McGurl Square Be Rec'd
 14 Mill Terrace
 Woburn, MA

Stephen Gilligan Analysis and Recommendation of Symmes Be Rec'd
 Treasurer & Collector Borrowing Options
 of Taxes

Mr. Hurd moved receipt of correspondence. SO VOTED (5-0)

NEW BUSINESS

Mr. Sullivan reported that the state has reduced aid to Arlington this year with next year to be even worse. Meanwhile health care costs are increasing and the state refuses to help. He recommends a vote by the Selectmen to send a letter to legislators requesting more state aid help.

Mr. Hurd moved that the Town Manager author a letter requesting help. SO VOTED (5-0)
 Mr. Sullivan will circulate the letter to the Selectmen prior to sending.

Mrs. Mahon and Ms. LaCourt discussed the H1N1 effect on the current policy of a doctor's note for employees who are out 2 to 3 days. Mr. Sullivan said he would investigate the National League of Cities policy and report back.

Mrs. Mahon stated that in response to lower state aid and the possibility of the loss of 60-100 jobs in the Town that these job losses be across the board from the front lines to management.

Mrs. Mahon requested the Town Manager to report back on "pay as you throw" 2008 warrant article requirements.

Mrs. Mahon requested clarification on Town email accounts and final word on retention policy of emails.

Ms. LaCourt and Ms. Rowe discussed that although Arlington is a community with different opinions, it is still a great community where people can disagree but still stay strong as a community as a whole. Mr. Greeley stated that instead of "Arlington Now" it should be "Arlington One". In this hard economic time everyone should move together and forward with a new spirit.

Mr. Greeley stated there would be a Budget Revenue Task Force Meeting before the next Selectmen's Meeting starting at 6:00 o'clock. A 5-year plan will be discussed, along with deficit figures for the Town. He recommends that all involved show up and come together to work cooperatively to discuss plans for the next five years.

Mr. Hurd moved to adjourn at 10:25 PM. SO VOTED (4-0)
 Mrs. Mahon left a few minutes earlier.

A true record: Attest

Mary Ann Sullivan
Selectmen's Office

Next meeting of BOS October 26, 2009.